

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 59

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Representative Bobby G. Hicks of Washington County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and former colleague Bobby G. Hicks, a member of the House of Representatives of the 99<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Tennessee General Assemblies, serving from 1995 until 1998; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Hicks was an exemplary and conscientious public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens, especially his constituents in the 6<sup>th</sup> House District, in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished businessman, Mr. Hicks was the founder and owner of the very successful Hicks Construction Company and also owned Gray Mini-Warehouses and Office Complex in Gray, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a prominent figure in the homebuilding industry who was inducted into the Building Industry of Tennessee Hall of Fame in 2002, Bobby Hicks was a former President of both the Johnson City Area Home Builders Association and the Home Builders Association of Tennessee, earning Builder of the Year titles in 1983 and 1984 on the local level and in 1988 and 1994 on the state level; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean who lived his entire life in the Gray, Tennessee, community, Bobby Hicks was the son of the late Harry and Fronie Hicks, and the foster son of the late Beryl and Bonnie Sells; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Sulphur Springs High School, Mr. Hicks proudly answered his country's call to duty, serving in the United States Army Reserve for three years;

he then returned to civilian life to work for Tennessee Eastman before striking out on his own with the establishment of his construction company in 1970; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader in his community, Bobby Hicks served twelve years on the Washington County Commission and was a vital member of the Washington County/Johnson City Chamber of Commerce and the Washington County/Johnson City Economic Development Board; and

WHEREAS, a truly remarkable public servant who served with probity and foresight, Mr. Hicks was given a very special tribute when both the Gray Library and the EMS buildings were named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the House of Representatives, Bobby Hicks worked tirelessly for better roads, growth, and development in Upper East Tennessee, becoming the driving force for the widening of Highway 75, which has been designated by this body as the "Bobby Hicks Highway" in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Hicks was a devout member of the Baptist faith and was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his infant son, David Andrew Hicks, and three brothers, Paul, John, and Herbert Hicks, and a sister, Frances Chase, Bobby G. Hicks is survived by his wife, Charlotte Long Hicks; three children and their spouses, Timothy and Keri Hicks, Alisa and Johnny Rogers, and Debi and Dan Camden; three grandsons, Kyle Hicks, Jacob Rogers, and Nick Ferguson; two brothers, Beryl and J.D. Hicks; four sisters, Carolyn Babb, Susie Phelps, Zelda Nunley, and Carolyn Smith; the mother of his children, Sally Hicks; and family members, Chastity Rodriguez and Anna Tubbs; and

WHEREAS, greatly respected and deeply admired by his many friends and colleagues, Mr. Hicks was a warm and affable man who loved Northeast Tennessee and took great pride in making his community and State a better place for all; his unmatched record in public service and business stands as a monument to a life well lived; and

WHEREAS, Bobby G. Hicks leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of our beloved colleague, Representative Bobby G. Hicks, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a legislator, public servant, and human being, and commend his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Representative Hicks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy